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## **Adams National Historical Park News Release**

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**Quincy – Adams National Historical Park** As part of a nationwide initiative, Adams National Historical Park will begin charging increased entrance fees on June 1, 2015.

In the fall of 2014, the National Park Service began a review of entrance fees charged throughout the National Park System, in part, to bring greater consistency to fees being charged at parks of similar size and complexity. To solicit public input, Adams National Historical Park launched a civic engagement campaign in February 2015 which included a public comment session, press releases, and information on the park Facebook page; aimed at discussing the increase needed to bring the park's fees into compliance with other similar parks in the nation. The park received comments which were generally favorable, however, some suggested the fees be increased in smaller increments. The Entrance Fee for the park, \$5.00 for a seven day pass, and the \$10.00 Annual Pass have remained unchanged since 2006. The new Entrance Fee for a seven day pass will be \$10.00 and the Annual Pass will be \$40.00 beginning June 1, 2015.

"The fee program, established by the National Park Service, is critical to park operations," stated Superintendent, Marianne Peak, "because the fee program supports preservation of historic structures, conservation of museum collections and promotes park interpretive and educational programs."

Entrance fees have supported a wide range of projects that improve the park conditions and visitor experience including, historic tree preservation, restoration of the John Adams Birthplace chimney, restoration of the hardscape in the Beale Formal Garden, and the production of the first park film, *Enduring Legacy: Four Generations of the Adams Family*; which provides visitors with an orientation to the ideas and contributions of the Adams family to the history and development of the United States.

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